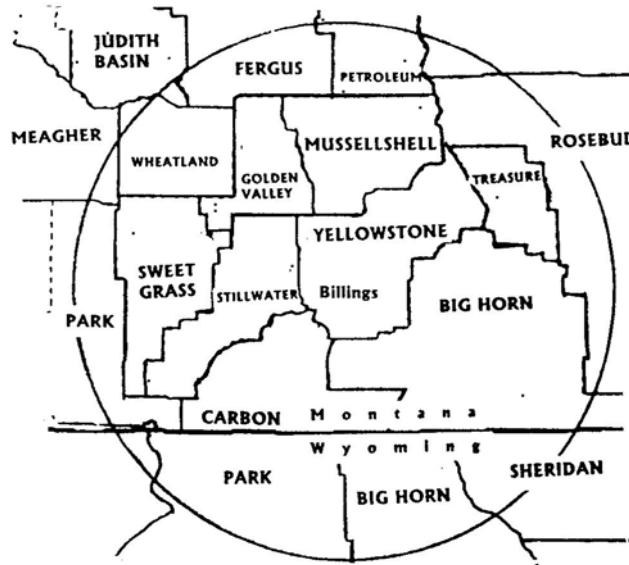


IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE

BILLINGS TRADE AREA



**As determined by a TAP, Inc. Study Commissioned by the Billings Chamber of Commerce

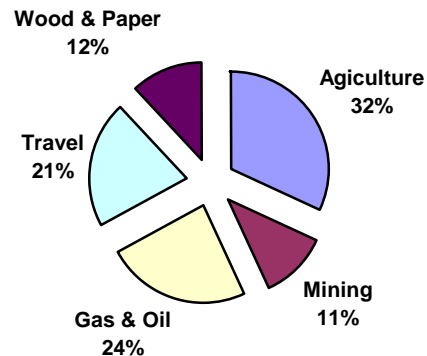
Billings Trade Area Agriculture Cash Receipts Totaled \$980 Million in 2004*

80-85% of farm-ranch business annual cash receipts are spent in Billings and outlying towns. This amounts to between \$784 and \$833 million put back into the local economies

Among major Montana industries, agriculture accounts for 32% of the total receipts generated

Montana Selected Industry Comparison

Agriculture	\$3,112.9 (million)
Mining	\$1,075.1
Travel	\$2,081.0
Wood & Paper	\$1,170.0
Gas & Oil	\$2,375.9



*2006 publication of Montana and Wyoming Agricultural Statistics. Compiled February 2007 by:
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ACREAGE STATISTICS

LAND IN FARMS AND RANCHES – **22.971 MILLION ACRES**

TOTAL CROPLAND – **4.134 MILLION ACRES**

NUMBER OF FARMS AND RANCHES – **8,563**

COMMODITY STATISTICS – 2005 Crop Year

COMMODITY	VOLUME	DOLLAR VALUE (million)
Wheat	30.481 million bu.	\$110.646
Barley	8.964 million bu	\$27.968
Hay	2.199 million tons	\$156.150
Sugar Beets	1.114 million tons	\$45.658
Corn Silage	872,000 tons	\$21.800
Dry Beans	517.800 cwt	\$8.803
Cattle & Calves	1.057million head	No data

Yellowstone County Production Profile

Cash Receipts from Sale of Principal Products and Government Payments (2004)

Livestock & Livestock Products – **\$99,367,000 – Rank in MT #1**

Crops – **\$33,535,000 – Rank in MT #5**

Government Payments – \$5,238,000

All Cash Receipts -- **\$138,140,000 – Rank in MT #1**

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY CROP DATA 2005 GROWING SEASON

Crop	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield per Acre	Production	Rank in MT
All Wheat	101,100	92,400	33.2 bu	3,071,000 bu	25
Barley	22,000	18,400	79 bu	1,452,000 bu	8
Corn Silage	10,800	10,800	28 tons	297,000 tons	1
Corn Grain	3,400	3,400	153 bu	520,000 bu	1
Sugar Beets	8,610	8,640	24.3	206,000 tons	3
All Hay		59,000	2.11 tons	124,300 tons	18

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY LIVESTOCK DATA 2006

Livestock Class	Number of Head	Rank in MT
Cattle and Calves	116,000	2
Beef Cows & Heifers	33,000	14
Milk Cows	600	10
Sheep	3,700	25